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For: URATE OXIDASE ACTIVITY PROTEIN, RECOMBINANT GENE
CODING THEREFOR, EXPRESSION VECTOR, MICROORGANISMS
AND TRANSFORMED CELLS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application,
the PTO is requested to make the following revisions:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read -- URATE OXIDASE ACTIVE
PROTEIN --.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 8-32.

Please amend the claims listed below:

3. (Amended) A protein according to claim 1 or 2, which presents, by analysis on a bidimensional Laemmli/SDS-Agarose gel, a spot of molecular mass of about 33.5 kDa and an isoelectric point around 8.0, representing at least 90% of the protein mass.

6. (Amended) A protein according to anyone of claims 1 to 5, which carries a blocking group on the amino-terminal serine [having preferably a molecular mass around 43 units of atomic mass]